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Dr. Barbara M. Carey-Shuler

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(FDOT District 6) John Martinez, P.E. Gary L. Donn, P.E.

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### MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2003 AT 2:00 PM

### METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - July 24, 2003

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- 3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
- 4. MIAMI DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORTITY (MDX)
  - a. MDX Status Report

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RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO ADD FUNDS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A VALUE PRICING PROGRAM ALONG THE I-95 CORRIDOR FROM I-395 TO NORTH OF THE GOLDEN GLADES INTERCHANGE (PUBLIC HEARING)

#### I. MIC/EARLINGTON HEIGHTS CONNECTOR STUDY

RESOLUTION SELECTING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER/EARLINGTON HEIGHTS CONNECTOR STUDY

J. MIAMI- MIAMI BEACH TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR (BAY LINK)
RESOLUTION SELECTING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE
BAY LINK PROJECT

#### K. MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION AWARDING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FUNDS FOR STUDIES THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

#### L. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS PROGRAM PRIORITIES

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#### V. REPORTS

- A. MEMBERS
  - Request by Board Member Betty T. Ferguson: Golden Glades Interchange Noise Wall Status Report
- B. MANAGER
- C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
  - 1. Miami Intermodal Center (MIC): Status Report
- D. SECRETARIAT
  - 1. MPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee Membership

REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE MPO SECRETARIAT BEFORE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2003. REQUESTS THAT FAIL TO MEET THIS DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

### METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA GOVERNING BOARD

### MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2003 AT 2:00 P.M.

# STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER 111 NW FIRST STREET COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

### **SUMMARY MINUTES**

Chairperson Carey-Shuler called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. In addition, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Bruno Barriero Jimmy Morales
Manuel A. Diaz Dennis C. Moss
Betty T. Ferguson Natacha Seijas
Shirley Gibson Jose Smith
M. Ronald Krongold Rebeca Sosa
Raul L. Martinez Javier D. Souto

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat, and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

# IV. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

# 1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Norman Wartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman of CTAC, informed the Board that CTAC held a second workshop on Insurance Premiums. He further provided the Board with CTAC's recommendations on the course of actions for motorists that drive without proper insurance. He also stated that CTAC intends to work with law enforcement, the Legislature, and the MPO Board to have these recommendations enacted. Mr. Wartman further informed the Board that CTAC passed resolutions endorsing the

concept for waterborne taxis in the Biscayne Bay area and recommending that the Transit Bridge Project be included in the Long Range Transportation Plan. He concluded by reminding the Board that CTAC has twelve vacancies that need to be filled.

Mr. Morales appointed Mr. Frank Zeinali to CTAC.

# 2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

*No report on this item.* 

### 3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

No report on this item.

### 4. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

No report on this item.

### V. REPORTS (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

A. MEMBERS

1. Request by Board Member Betty T. Ferguson: Golden Glades Interchange Noise Wall Status Report.

Mr. Gary Donn informed the Board that the attached correspondence from the Turnpike staff is an outline of the agency's plans to address the noise wall issue at the Golden Glades Interchange (*A copy of this document is available from the MPO Secretariat*). Mr. Donn further explained that the first phase of the design build contract will proceed in FY 04/05. He also stated that a public workshop is being planned for the Golden Glades community by Turnpike staff to address the noise wall. He concluded by informing the Board that a long term study on the relocation of the Golden Glades Plaza is scheduled for FY 05/06-06/07.

Board Member Ferguson stated that the Turnpike officials have been working diligently with the community to address the noise wall issue for the area. She also stated that the community has expressed concern with the lack of information presented to them pertaining to the potential relocation of the Golden Glades Plaza. She further clarified that the community would like to provide input on where the plaza will be relocated.

Mr. Bill Austin, Turnpike Enterprise, responded that the Turnpike intends to schedule public workshops with the community to discuss the options for relocating the plaza. He further stated that these workshops will provide the community opportunities for input throughout the process. He concluded by stating that the Turnpike staff anticipate meeting with the community in mid November to discuss the various options.

2. Request by Board Member Raul L. Martinez: Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) Status Report

No discussion on this item.

#### B. MANAGER

Assistant County Manager Bill Johnson informed the Board that Mr. Carlos Bonzon has been appointed as Assistant County Manager and is responsible for all Surface Transportation issues. He further stated that County Manager Burgess merged the departments of Office of Public Transportation Management (OPTM) and Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), with Roosevelt Bradley appointed as Director.

### C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### D. SECRETARIAT

- 1. MPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee Membership
- 2. South Florida Vanpool Program: Status Report

(There were no reports given for items C & D)

### **Quorum Attained**

The Board welcomed Board Member Shirley Gibson, Mayor of the City of Miami Gardens, to the MPO Board.

### I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that Items III. C & D are withdrawn at the request of the sponsoring agency. He also stated that the cover memorandums of several action items and Item III.A's resolution require corrections. He concluded by respectfully requesting that Mr. Dennis Vierra, Miami-Dade's Congressional Lobbyist, be allowed to address the Board prior to Action Items.

Chairperson Carey-Shuler informed the Board that the November MPO meeting is canceled due to schedule conflicts.

Board Member Moss moved the approval of the agenda as amended and Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Moss moved the approval of the minutes of July 24, 2003, and Board Member Barreiro seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Mr. Vierra provided the Board with a brief history of the federal funding received by Miami-Dade relating to transit projects. He stated that Congress will enact a five-month extension to TEA-21. He then stated that the number of projects being requested for funding is greater than what can be accommodated. He further stated that the County must position its projects so that they are rated highly by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). He also informed the Board that the County is currently in a very strong position. No other area in Florida has requested funding for a New Start projects, which allows the Florida Legislature to provide full support for Dade County's projects. He concluded by informing the Board of the upcoming deadlines. He stated that by law by February 4, 2004 the President must submit his budget proposal to Congress. He then stated that November 1, 2003 is the deadline for all federal agencies to submit their spending recommendations and requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in order to be included in the President's Budget. He also explained that prior to November 1st the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must review all New Start projects submitted from around the country and make its decisions based on the latest information provided. He then clarified that the late August 2003 deadline was set by the FTA and sent to everyone working on a new start project. Mr. Vierra stated that the FTA requested the status on projects in order to make a decision and submit requests to the OMB by the November 1st deadline. He concluded by stating that there still is an opportunity for the MPO to have these projects be included in the President's Budget.

Board Member R. Martinez requested clarification regarding the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Mr. Vierra responded that this deadline is to allot time for support or changes regarding New Start projects. He further stated that the best time for the delegation to intervene with the FTA is before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairperson Carey-Shuler added that the decisions regarding projects on the current agenda should be made soon.

Board Member Barreiro requested clarity on the East/West Project and its reauthorization status as pertains to the changes to the project's boundary limits. Mr. Vierra responded that the reauthorization for this project looks very promising. He further stated that there are several members on the committee looking out for this project.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on the actions needed by the MPO Board in order for the Congressional Delegation to proceed. Mr. Vierra responded that

once the Board takes action on these projects the delegation should be informed immediately.

### IV. ACTION ITEMS

### A. MIC/EARLINGTON HEIGHTS CONNECTOR STUDY

RESOLUTION SELECTING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER/EARLINGTON HEIGHTS CONNECTOR PROJECT

Mr. Bill Anido, Parsons Brinkerhoff, Quade & Douglas, provided the Board with a brief presentation on the various locally preferred alternatives for the MIC/Earlington Heights Connector Project. (A copy of the study is available with the MPO Secretariat).

Board Member Barreiro stated that he advocates Locally Preferred Alternative 5A because it costs less, is quicker to build, and would have less of a negative impact on the community.

Board Member Sosa requested clarity on whether the proposed alternatives have the potential to link to the West. Mr. Anido responded that alternative 4B would offer direct linkage to the west while alternatives 5A and 5B would require a transfer to a lower platform in order to pick up the westward linkage.

Board Member Sosa requested clarity on which alternative impacted nineteen businesses. Mr. Anido responded that alternative 4B will impact nineteen businesses. He further stated that staff has been in contact with property owners throughout the process to reach an agreement.

Board Member Morales stated that he opposed alternative 4B. He further requested that members from the Melrose community stand for the record to demonstrate on their opposition as well. (*Note: 20 members from the audience stood*). He concluded by stating that alternative 5A offers the same results as alternative 4B, but uses fewer funds and has the community's support.

Board Member Martinez requested clarity on the purpose of going from the Earlington Heights Station to the MIC. Mr. Anido responded that the connection will provide a direct linkage between Metrorail and the MIC and potentially the Miami International Airport (MIA).

Mr. Donn stated that either alternative 5A or 4B would complement the MIC project. He further stated that FDOT is currently looking at methods to shorten the walking distance to the MIC and MIA Connector.

Chairperson Carey-Shuler opened the floor for public comments.

Several citizens of the Melrose community expressed opposition to alternatives 4A and 4B. They further stated that the community prefers alternative 5A because it would have the least amount of negative impact on the community.

A representative for the Miami Jai-Alai stated that originally the Miami Jai-Alai was in support of alternative 5A but a recent depiction of the proposed route showed that it would have a tremendous impact on the survival of the Jai-Alai. He concluded by requesting clarity on the proposed route of alternative 5A. Mr. Larry Foustz, Parson, Brinkerhoff Quade & Douglas, stated that the consulting team will meet with the Jai-Alai to guarantee that the building will not be impacted.

Board Member Morales moved for a resolution selecting 5A as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the MIC/Earlington Heights Connector Project. The motion was seconded by Board Member Barreiro. The resolution passed.

# B. MIAMI-MIAMI BEACH TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR (BAY LINK)

RESOLUTION SELECTING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE BAY LINK PROJECT

In the absence of the Chairperson Carey-Shuler, Board Member R. Martinez chaired the remaining items.

Mr. Larry Foustz provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Bay Link Project. (A copy of this PowerPoint presentation is available with the MPO Secretariat).

Board Member Moss requested clarity on whether there should be one type of vehicle chosen to serve both areas. Mr. Foust responded that there should be one type of mode chosen.

Board Member M. Diaz stated that the City of Miami has expressed full support of the Bay Link Project.

Board Member Smith requested clarity on whether the conditions that the City of Miami Beach approved as part of their resolution could be addressed. He further clarified that these conditions by Miami Beach are to ensure that the type of system that is selected by the MPO is consistent with the character of the neighborhood. Mr. Mesa responded that the proposed resolution has language directing staff to work with the City of Miami Beach as the project advances to the Final Draft Environmental

Impact Statement (FDEIS) to address its various requests to the maximum extent possible.

Board Member Sosa requested clarification on the portion being funded by the Sales Tax. Mr. Mesa responded that the funding for the project has not been determined. He further clarified that the FEIS stage is where the financial plan for the project will be defined.

Mr. Barreiro informed the Board that the project was funded in the People's Transportation Plan as a heavy rail. He also stated that the Board should select a system that would provide the least amount of transfers. He further stated that the maintenance cost and the traffic congestion should also be considered when selecting a type of rail system. He concluded by displaying to the Board preliminary drawings of a Metromover system operating in the City of Miami Beach. (Viewing of these drawings is available with the MPO Secretariat).

Chairperson R. Martinez opened the floor for public comment.

Several citizens in the audience expressed their concerns with the Bay Link Project. Some of the citizens expressed full support of a light rail system. They stated that the system would provide an alternative mode of transportation while maintaining the historic character of Miami Beach. In addition to these comments, there were citizens who expressed a strong argument in support of a "no build" option. They stated that the proposed modes would not alleviate the traffic congestion on the Beach.

After Chairperson R. Martinez closed the floor for public comments, Board Member M. Diaz moved for the approval of the resolution as presented. Board Member J. Smith seconded the motion. The resolution passed with two (2) dissenting votes.

## C. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

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This item was withdrawn at the request of the sponsoring agency.

# D. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOULUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO ADD FUNDING FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR STATE ROAD 9A/I-95 PROJECT (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

This item was withdrawn at the request of the sponsoring agency.

## E. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO ADD FUNDING FOR THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN (PE) AND CONSTRUCTION (CST) PHASES FOR THE STATE ROAD 985/SW 107<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE PROJECT (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

Chairperson R. Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairperson R. Martinez closed the public hearing.

Board Member Moss moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member Seijas seconded the motion. The resolution passed.

# F. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

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Chairperson R. Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairperson R. Martinez closed the public hearing.

Chairperson R. Martinez requested staff to provide information on the changes and the agency that requested these changes. He also requested information on the impact this project will have on the southern city involved.

Board Member Seijas moved for the approval of the resolution. Chairperson R. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

# G. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOULTUON APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO ADVANCE THE I-95 ACCESS RAMP PROJECT CONNECTING PORT BOULEVARD TO I-95 FROM UNFUNDED TO FUNDED STATUS (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

After Chairperson R. Martinez opened the public hearing, Board Member M. Diaz moved to continue the public hearing until the next MPO meeting. Board Member Moss seconded the motion.

At the request of Chairperson Carey-Shuler, the Board **deferred** this item until the next MPO meeting.

## H. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

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Chairperson R. Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairperson R. Martinez closed the public hearing.

Board Member Morales moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Moss seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

## I. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO INCLUDE ADDITIONALLY AWARDED TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY AND SYSTEM PRESERVATION FUNDS (TCSP) FOR THE PASSENGER CENTER SCHEDULED TO BE LOCATED ON NW  $7^{\rm TH}$  AVENUE AND NW  $62^{\rm ND}$  STREET (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that the cover memorandum has an error in the funding amount. He further clarified that the correct amount is \$3.4 million.

Chairperson R. Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairperson R. Martinez closed the public hearing.

Board Member Seijas moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member M. Diaz seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

### J. FY 2003 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2003 TIP TO ADD FUNDS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A VALUE PRICING PROGRAM ALONG THE I-95 CORRIDOR

FROM I-395 TO NORTH OF THE GOLDEN GLADES INTERCHANGE (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

Chairperson R. Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairperson R. Martinez closed the public hearing.

Chairperson R. Martinez requested clarity on the purpose of the proposed study. Mr. Donn responded that FDOT would like to use discretionary funds to study the various alternatives to establish a value pricing program that would accelerate improvements to I-95. He further stated that this effort is to comply with a previous resolution presented by CTAC. He concluded by stating that the study will have the ability to research the creation of lanes on I-95 that would serve motorists that are willing to pay to use the system.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on the funding for the study. Mr. Donn responded that the funding is part of discretionary funding that was earmarked for the purpose of researching value pricing programs. He further stated that if the Board failed to approve the proposed TIP amendment, the funds will be returned.

Board Member Morales stated that he could support a resolution that would study options to manage congestion on I-95 but without the use of a value pricing program.

Board Member Souto expressed concern with the use of a value pricing program. He stated that this type of program has the potential of further dividing the County's community between the rich and the poor.

Board Member Krongold stated that it would be a mistake for the Board to decline the use of the funding for this program before the research could begin. He further stated that this program no different from the concept used in Sunpass where some people pay to use a system while others do not. He concluded by stating that the Board should make its decision about the program once the study's recommendations are presented to the Board.

Board Member Seijas requested that staff obtain more information on the options available associated with utilizing these funds.

After much discussion, this item was **deferred** by the Board.

### K. MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION AWARDING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FUNDS FOR STUDIES THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

Board Member Sosa moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member M. Diaz seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

# L. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS PROGRAM PRIORITIES RESOLUTION APPROVING PROJECT RANKING FOR THE TRANSPORATION ENHANCEMENTS PROGRAM

Board Member Morales moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member M. Diaz seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.